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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to communications filed on October 23, 2003.

Claims 1-20 has been cancelled by preliminary amendment, hence claims 21-41 remain pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 21-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy (US 6,564,380).

Regarding claims 21, 28 and 35, Murphy discloses a method implemented in at least one web server hosting a website, the method comprising:

- (a) receiving uploaded video clips from a plurality of remotely located uploaders via the website (e.g., video feeds are supplied to the system and transmitted into the system's network; col. 11: lines 5-14);
- (b) receiving a request via the website for at least one uploaded video clip (e.g., users log on to find what video feeds are available and request, contract for access to a desired video feed; col. 7: lines 32-35; and col. 11: lines 22-26);

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(c) identifying a fee associated with the requested video clip (e.g., Pricing Table is used for pricing access to video feeds to requesting parties; col. 12: line 64 – col. 13: line 26);

(d) charging at least the identified fee to an account associated with an originator of the request (e.g., employs the Pricing Table and the selection contracted to generate Billing Statement to the requesting parties; col. 13: lines 37-40); and

(e) upon successfully charging account in (d), providing the originator of said request with the requested video clip and crediting uploader of the requested video clip at least a portion of the charged fee (e.g., a party has requested and contracted payment is authorized to gain access to the requested video feed. Also track the video feed titles supplied by the sources to the system and the selection contracted by the requesting parties to generate Payment Statement to the source; col. 11: lines 22-38 and col. 13: lines 27-37).

Murphy fails to teach each of the uploaders setting a fee associated with each uploaded video clip. However, since Murphy discloses that the Master Authorization Server maintain a Master Feed List of video feeds available at the local PoP servers, which is coupled to a Pricing Table for computing the price for access to be paid by content production intermediaries, and the payment to be made to the video feed sources (col. 12: lines 14-23), it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made the video feed sources setting up a fee associated with each video feed in for recouping the expenses of producing the videos and perhaps, generating a profits in order to stay in business.

Regarding claims 22 and 29, Murphy also discloses receiving additional information related to each uploaded video clip, the additional information comprising any of, or a

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combination of, the following: level information, title information, or description information (e.g., track the video feed titles supplied by the sources to the system and the selection contracted by the requesting parties to generate Payment Statement to the source; col. 13: lines 27-37).

Regarding claims 23 and 30, Murphy also discloses the additional information is used to match user requests for video clips (e.g., the Master server can provide user function such as search and query to assist with finding desired video feeds or allow users to profile the types of feeds they might want to access, or permit a viewer to select a movie, video, or audio program from a list of available titles ; col. 12: lines 28-34 and col. 13: line 52-55).

Regarding claims 24 and 31, Murphy also discloses the video clip is any of the following formats: AVI, MPEG-1, MPEG-2, WMV, FLIC, multi-pate TIFF, or animated GIF (col. 6: lines 52-63).

Regarding claims 25 and 32, Murphy also discloses the provided video clip in (c) is viewable only for a pre-set time limit (e.g., Live Video Feeds are only available at scheduled dates and times for the event; col. 12: lines 35-45).

Regarding claims 26 and 33, Murphy also discloses receiving a viewer rating associated with the provided video clip (e.g., "Top 100 Videos of the Day; col. 14: lines 27-46).

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Regarding claims 27 and 34, Murphy also discloses the uploaded video clips are with a pre-set size-limit (e.g., pricing can be calculated based on feed length; col. 13: lines 5-7).

Regarding claim 36, Murphy also discloses a method to upload video clips for viewing and rating by a plurality of viewers comprising:

(a) accessing a website over a network (e.g., users log on to find what video feeds are available and request, contract for access to a desired video feed; col. 7: lines 32-35; and col. 11: lines 22-26);

(b) providing a title and description of the video clip to be uploaded (e.g., the Master server can provide user function such as search and query to assist with finding desired video feeds or allow users to profile the types of feeds they might want to access, or permit a viewer to select a movie, video, or audio program from a list of available titles ; col. 12: lines 28-34 and col. 13: line 52-55);

(c) setting a fee associated with the video clip to be uploaded (e.g., Pricing Table is used for pricing access to video feeds to requesting parties; col. 12: line 64 – col. 13: line 26); and

(d) uploading the video clip onto a server associated with the website, wherein the uploaded video clip is sold to other users accessing the website by charging users at least the set fee, with at least a portion of the charged fees credited to uploader of the video clip (e.g., a party has requested and contracted payment is authorized to gain access to the requested video feed. Also track the video feed titles supplied by the sources to the system and the selection contracted by the requesting parties to generate Payment Statement to the source; col. 11: lines 22-38 and col. 13: lines 27-37).

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Regarding claim 37, Murphy also discloses the title and description information is used by the server to match user's requests for video clips (e.g., the Master server can provide user function such as search and query to assist with finding desired video feeds or allow users to profile the types of feeds they might want to access, or permit a viewer to select a movie, video, or audio program from a list of available titles; col. 12: lines 28-34 and col. 13: lines 52-55).

Regarding claim 38, Murphy also discloses the video clip is any of the following formats: AVI, MPEP-1, MPEG-2, WMV, FLIC, multi-pate TIFF, or animated GIF (Murphy, col. 6: lines 52-63).

Regarding claim 39, Murphy also discloses the sold video clips are view-able only for a pre-set time limit (e.g., Live Video Feeds are only available at scheduled dates and times for the event; col. 12: lines 35-45).

Regarding claim 40, Murphy also discloses receiving and storing a viewer rating associated with a sold video clip (e.g., "Top 100 Videos of the Day; col. 14: lines 27-46).

Regarding claim 41, Murphy also discloses the server ensures that the uploaded video clips are within a pre-set size-limit (e.g., pricing can be calculated based on feed length; col. 13: lines 5-7).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Dively et al (US 7,107,249), Electronic Identifier Payment Systems and Methods;

Navar (US 7,080,400), System and Method for Distributed Storage and Presentation of Multimedia in a Cable Network Environment;

McGrath et al (US 6,925,474), Video Information Retrieval;

Holtz et al (US 6,760,916), Method, System and Computer Program Product for Producing and Distributing Enhanced Media Downstreams;

Leblang et al (US2002/0120568), User-to-User Payment Service with Payee-Specific Pay Pages.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Van Kim T. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3073.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

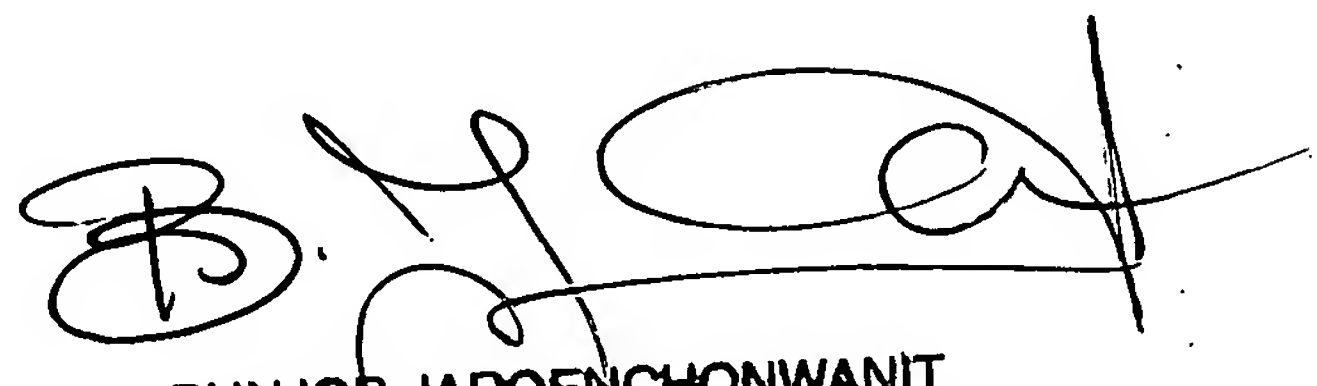
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571-272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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